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familiar with the history of poetic art are exceedingly chary of attempting to dogmatize about them.

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A PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS DR. McCONNELL

SIR,—In a recent number of the REVIEW is an article by my friend and former neighbor, Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, entitled "What Are the Churches To Do?" Among other statements is this: "Probably the minimum demand is that for membership in the Episcopal Church—"Do you believe all the articles of the Christian faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed?" I beg to correct this idea. The only question which the Presbyterian Church has any right to put to a candidate for membership in that Church is this: "Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour?" This is a minimum far less than that which Dr. McConnell intimates. Nor is there any special interpretation put upon the word "Saviour." There is no "plan of salvation" implied. It is as broad as the Gospel itself.

Dr. McConnell seems to imagine that the Church generally stands for an antiquated theology, that it still believes that "on a certain date A. U. C. in a remote district of Asia, God took upon himself the form of a man"; that it still believes the Virgin Birth, the physical resurrection and ascension, the miracles, etc. The fact is not so. Some do believe these things, and some do not. Some have discovered that what is called, most infelicitously, "the supernatural," does not enter into the essential Christian faith. The Bible uses no such word as supernatural. Its word is "spiritual," and that is a truer word. What the Church most surely believes today is the mastership of Jesus Christ. It believes in following him. This is its practical theology and its real religion. What the Church will do is to keep on growing and outgrowing, while following Christ.

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